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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
19th January 1876.*

No. 211. Read the following letter from Lieutenant-Colonel J. F. FISCHER, R.E., District Engineer, Madura, to Major-General G. W. WALKER, R.E., Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, dated Madura, 4th January 1876, No. 3,721 :—

ADVERTING to the Government of India's letter in G.O., of the 4th March 1871, No. 658, I have the honor respectfully to solicit His Grace the Governor in Council

One wrapper containing two letters. will be pleased to allow me now to draw the personal allowance in full, as contemplated by the Supreme Government, to make up for the loss of my appointment of Controller, 1st-class, when transferred to Nagpore at their request in August 1867, with a special proviso that the officer selected for this duty should not be allowed to decline the appointment.

2. On my return to Madras in March 1869, the Government were pleased to allow me to draw the full staff salary of my original appointment of Controller, viz., Rupees 800 a-month, but on my attaining the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the corps in August 1871 this was reduced to Rupees 750 a-month, but the full rate of travelling allowance of my original departmental rank was passed to me, but since May 1874 the reduced rate of only Rupees 5 a-day has been allowed. I have thus been losing Rupees 50 a-month for more than four years in salary, and Rupees 30 a-month in travelling allowance for nearly two years; I trust then, under the circumstances now explained, His Grace will be pleased to accord a favorable consideration to my case, particularly as the Government of India expressed a desire I should be no loser by a transfer I had not solicited, was not allowed to refuse, to a Government which had never applied for the services of any officer to supervise their Irrigation Works.

3. Since my return to my own Presidency I endeavoured to carry out as vigorously as possible the great works of the Godavery Delta on the fundamental principles laid down originally by Sir A. Cotton, and

* To be obligingly returned. the accompanying* letters to me from

that distinguished Officer will, I trust, convince the Government I had succeeded in obtaining his full approbation, as well as that of Generals Orr and Rundall, who, whilst in India, had expressed themselves fully satisfied with what I was doing; and the results of these new works show that I had at least attended to the interests of the Government and the people in that district. From the last accounts I hear the cost of transport has been reduced from 5 Pie a ton a mile for road materials to about 1½ Pie a ton a mile, and the traffic in the canals is rapidly increasing this year above what it was last, so much so that it is expected to be 25 per cent. more. The decrease in irrigation was stopped long ago, and in all the deltas an increase is occurring; in the Western Delta, out of an expected increase of 93,000 acres in irrigation by the new works in ten or twelve years as expected, upwards of 53,000 acres were secured last year, three years after these works had been put in hand; and the land revenue of the district had increased by 2½ lakhs in one year. For any dissatisfaction I may have given the Government I have endeavoured to make every amends in my power, and more it is not possible for me to do. I venture then to submit this application for favorable consideration after nearly a quarter of a century's service in this country.

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No. 212. ORDER THEREON, 19th January 1876, No. 109.

ESTABLISHMENT, No. 19-A.

THE subject of the first portion of Colonel Fischer's letter has been discussed most fully in the following orders, viz:—

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" " 1,486, of 31st May "

" " 1,802, of 7th July "

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3. Colonel Fischer's request is inadmissible, and should not be renewed.

(True Extract.)

Major-General, R.E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the District Engineer, Madras.

Ext. S. T. Austin.
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*District Engineer's office
No. 3721
Madras 4th January 1876.*

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Recd: Coll: J. T. Fischer R.E.

District Engineer, Madras.

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Your Most obedient servant

Wm. T. ...
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Proceedings of the Madras Govt.
Under date the 19th Jan 76.
Read the following:-

From the Secy, Madras (N.R. No 3721 of 4 Jan 76)

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with G.O. No 395 of 8th Feb 1869
show that Colonel Fischer
was relieved of his duties as
Superintending Engineer of the
Suzatam Department in the
Central Provinces on account
of the want of a proper
feeling of confidence between
the Offg Chief Commissioner
and him; and that those
recorded with G.O. No 1262
of 11 May 1874 show him

to have been removed from
the charge of the Godavery
District for a similar cause,
the most noble the Governor
in Council cannot but re-
cord his opinion that he
has been most generously
treated, and that his services
are now overpaid. Any
further reference to this
matter will accordingly
be noticed only by Colonel
Fischer's immediate re-
duction to the pay of the
Departmental grade which
he holds.

The inclosures of his
letter are returned with an
impression of the opinion
of the most noble the
Governor in Council that
the nature of their contents
should have precluded

their being treated otherwise
than as strictly private.

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My dear Sir,
I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt
of your letter of the
11th inst.

This is in reply to
your letter of the
10th inst.

I am glad to hear
that you are
well and hope
that you will
continue to be so.

Yr
P. H.

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Govt. of Madras.
PUBLIC WORKS.

To J. E. Madure

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G. O. 17 June 1876, No. 109

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Mr. Col. F. Fischer. 138 -
Passing orders from the
— requesting the allowance
to draw the personal allowance
in full as custom, & that of the
Superior force.